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## Man Charged with Biting Two LAPD Officers

A 23-year-old man was charged today with biting two Los Angeles Police Department officers responding to a theft call in Tarzana, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jacob Smith (dob 4/8/94) of Northridge faces two felony counts each of battery with injury on a peace officer and resisting executive officer and one misdemeanor count of petty theft.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 100 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Van Nuys Branch.

On Feb. 19, Smith allegedly triggered an alarm at a cell phone store on Ventura Boulevard, prosecutors said. When police responded, the defendant is charged with biting both officers, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Smith faces a possible maximum sentence of more than three years in state prison.

Case LA087881 remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, West Valley Station.

### [About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#)

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.